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HRRSA to Begin Sewer Infrastructure Project

Mt. Crawford, VA, October 22, 2020

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Regional Sewer Authority (HRRSA) announces that activities related to the construction of its Blacks Run Interceptor Improvements Project (Divisions 1A and 1B) will begin the week of October 26, 2020 in the City of Harrisonburg. The project will renew or replace some of the oldest sewer lines in HRRSA's interceptor system and is being constructed to provide a higher level of environmental protection to the Blacks Run watershed. The project is funded by the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund through sale of sewer revenue bonds totaling \$6,618,791.

The Division 1A project consists of rehabilitating approximately 3,000 linear feet of 36"-diameter sewer line extending from the northern corner of Purcell Park south to Stone Spring Road using cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining. An internal liner of resin impregnated fiberglass will be installed in the existing sewer to create a "new" pipe inside the existing sewer. The portion of the work in Purcell Park is being coordinated with the City of Harrisonburg's Department of Parks and Recreation to avoid disruption to the enjoyment of the park's recreational uses. The Division 1A project is expected to be completed in May 2021.

The Division 1B project consists of installing approximately 3,700 linear feet of new 48-inch diameter replacement sewer line between Stone Spring Road to the west side of I-81 across from Ramblewood Park. Smaller sewer lines serving businesses on Beery Road will also be replaced to connect to the new sewer line. The replacement sewer line will be installed in newly excavated trenches except for the portion of the work at the Stone Spring Road crossing. In this location, a six-foot diameter tunnel will be constructed to avoid impacts to vehicular traffic. While the tunneling operation is going on, the Bluestone Trail will be temporarily re-routed around the tunnel launch pit. The Division 1B project is scheduled for completion in November 2021.

Bypass pumps will be used to divert sewer flows while rehabilitation and replacement of sewer lines are under construction. The public is advised to look for new signage concerning Bluestone Trail rerouting and traffic control concerning entrances to businesses along Beery Road as the work progresses.

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BLACKS RUN INTERCEPTOR RENEWAL

Division 1A Rehabilitation (October 2020 – May 2021)

This park is yours. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding while we perform this important infrastructure renewal project. We have taken steps to ensure this project is completed safely. If you have any concerns, please use the contact information below to let us know.



Background:

The Blacks Run Interceptor is the main sewer line serving the City of Harrisonburg, extending nearly seven miles. The Division 1A Rehabilitation and Division 1B Replacement projects will renew approximately 6,700 linear feet of existing sewer. The project extends from the northern corner of Purcell Park south to the west side of I-81 across from Ramblewood Park.

Purpose:

The goal of the Division 1A Rehabilitation project is to renew deteriorated sanitary sewer infrastructure to protect the Blacks Run ecosystem and accommodate sewer flows from Harrisonburg and surrounding communities.

Project Description:

Sewer manholes will receive new tops, frames, and an interior lining to renew their structural integrity and prevent rainwater from entering the manholes. The sewer pipe will receive an internal liner made of resin impregnated fiberglass cloth and hardened with hot water. The “new” pipe will have structural integrity and prevent groundwater from entering. Any trees removed within the park will be replaced with native species.

Bypass pumps will be used during the pipe lining process to divert sanitary sewer flows around the pipe being lined. The Contractor will be continuously monitoring the bypass pumps to protect the environment. They will also restrict access to the pumps for the safety of park users.



Owner

Contact: 540.434.1053



Contractor

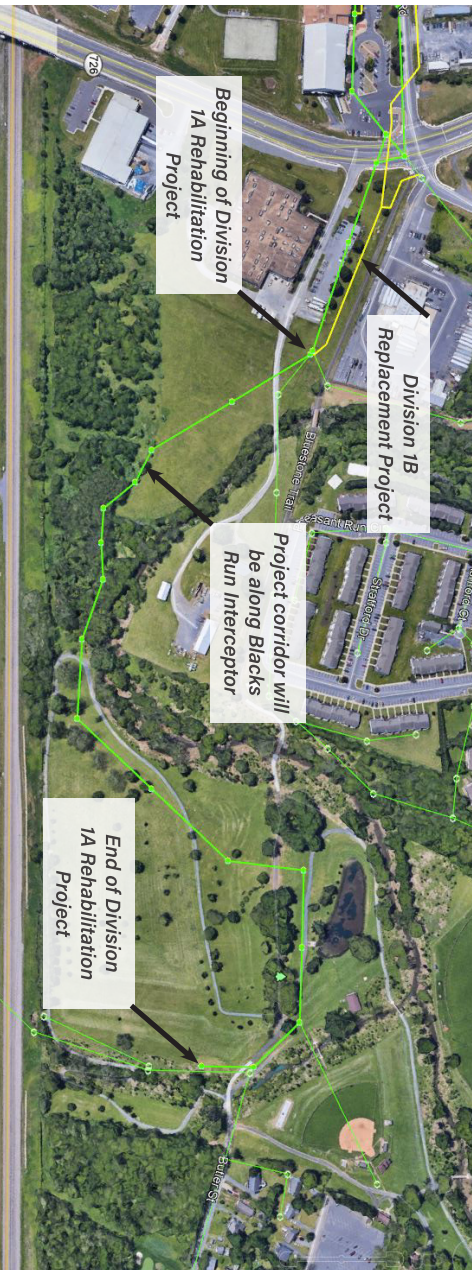


Engineer

Contact: 434.455.3210

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The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Regional Sewer Authority (HRRSA) provides wholesale wastewater collection and treatment services to the City of Harrisonburg and the surrounding community.

Contact: 540.434.1053



Contractor:

Prism Contractors & Engineers will provide the rehabilitation services for the project. They offer a broad range of engineering, inspection and construction services to clients in the eastern United States.



Engineer:

Wiley|Wilson served as the lead engineer for this project. They provide engineering and architectural services to local, state, and federal government clients across the mid-Atlantic.

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